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From: Berrios, Wilbert HQ02
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 4:19 PM
To: Jones, Michael J COL NETCOM

COL Jones,

I assume the risk of operations and approve an ATO for USACE PAX effective 12
Sept 2008 with an ATD of 13 Sept 2011.

Thank You,
Wil Berrios

-----Original Message-----
From: Jones, Michael J COL NETCOM [mailto:michael.jones6@us.army.mil]
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 11:14 AM
To: Berrios, Wilbert HQ02
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Laymon, Kathy E Ms CIV USA NETCOM/9TH SC A; Cornwell, Joseph D Mr
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Subject: USACE PAX ATO

BLUF: As the Army Certification Authority (CA), I recommend that you, as the DAA, assume the risk, consent to
DISA performing vulnerability assessments, and approve an Authorization To Operate (ATO) the US Army Corps
of Engineers Programming Administration and Execution information system (USACE PAX). I have confirmed this
recommendation with my digital signature and request that you confirm your approval of this ATO with your digital
signature on a statement saying you assume the risk of operations and approve an ATO for USACE PAX effective
12 Sept 2008 with an Accreditation Termination Date (ATD) of 13 Sept 2011 and forward a copy of the approval to
IACORA@us.army.mil.

The System Owner, Linda Conaway, PM PAX, has requested an ATO for USACE PAX, APMS # DA04771. The
USACE PAX is an Army-owned web-based information system used to support and manage Military Construction
(MILCON) programming, budgeting, justification and reporting activities. The USACE PAX is hosted at the DISA
SMC in Mechanicsburg, PA. The DISA hardware hosting platform is controlled and accredited separately by DISA.
The USACE PAX hosting support is provided by DISA under the terms of an existing Service Level
Agreement (SLA).

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The USACE PAX is designed to meet the DoDI 8500.2 IA controls for integrity and availability at the MAC III
level (i.e., consequences of loss of integrity and availability can be tolerated without significant impacts on mission
effectiveness) and for confidentiality at the SENSITIVE level (i.e., loss, misuse or unauthorized access to or
modifications of, could adversely affect the national interest). The USACE PAX introduces a LOW level of
technical and administrative risk to networks and data when implemented and operated with protection mechanisms
as described in the USACE PAX Certification and Accreditation (C&A) package as updated Sept 2008.

As the Army Certification Authority (CA), consistent with my responsibilities as the Army Senior Information
Assurance Official (SIAO), I recommend you assume the operational risk, consent to DISA conducting an
initial vulnerability assessment and periodic unannounced vulnerability assessments, and approve an ATO for the
USACE PAX effective 12 Sept 2008 with an Accreditation Termination Date (ATD) of 13 Sept 2011 with the
following caveats:

* The USACE PAX is implemented and operated IAW the PAX C&A package as updated Sept 2008

* The System Owner implements and manages Information Assurance Vulnerability Management (IAVM) practices as identified in AR 25-2 and maintain compliance and assets in the Asset & Vulnerability Tracking Resource (A&VTR)

* The System Owner updates APMS with the ATO information once this recommendation is approved by the DAA

This CA recommendation is provided in support of DAA ATO decision and requires revalidation annually or if major changes or upgrades are applied to the baseline configuration, architecture or implementation.

V/R,
Michael J. Jones
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